

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please enter new FIG. 5 which does not include new matter.

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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough review of the present application, and respectfully request reconsideration in light of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 8 and 10 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 5, 7 and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Allowable claims 8 and 10 have been rewritten in independent form in the manner kindly suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action, except for several changes that will be detailed herein below. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 8. The specification and Abstract have been amended to be in better form. New FIG. 5 has been added to show a previously unshown claim feature. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

The status of the parent has been updated per the Examiner's request.

A Supplemental Declaration will be submitted upon allowance of the instant application.

The objection to the drawings is believed overcome in view of the newly added FIG. 5 which finds solid support in the second to last sentence of the *original* specification. The specification has been amended to provide a brief description of and a reference to new FIG. 5.

The objection to the specification and Abstract is also believed overcome in view of the above amendments. Of particular note, the "Summary" section has been rewritten to be commensurate in scope with the pending independent claims, i.e., claims 8 and 10.

The 35 U.S.C. 112, *second paragraph* rejection is noted and believed overcome in view of the above amendments. In particular, allowable claims 8 and 10 have been further amended to recite --side flaps which are formed by portions of said topsheet and backsheet that extend outward from peripheral edges of said absorbent core--. Additionally, allowable claim 8 has been amended to recite that the -- extension sheet extends transversely from the inner edge outward and is attached to said one of the barrier cuffs at the outer edge thereof--.

The art rejections of claims 5-7 and 9 are either moot, as claims 5, 7, and 9 have been cancelled, or overcome in view of the change in dependency of claim 6.

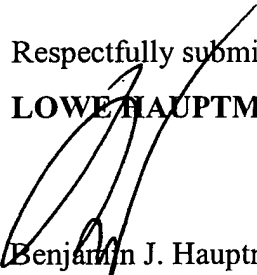
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims, i.e., claims 6, 8, and 10, are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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